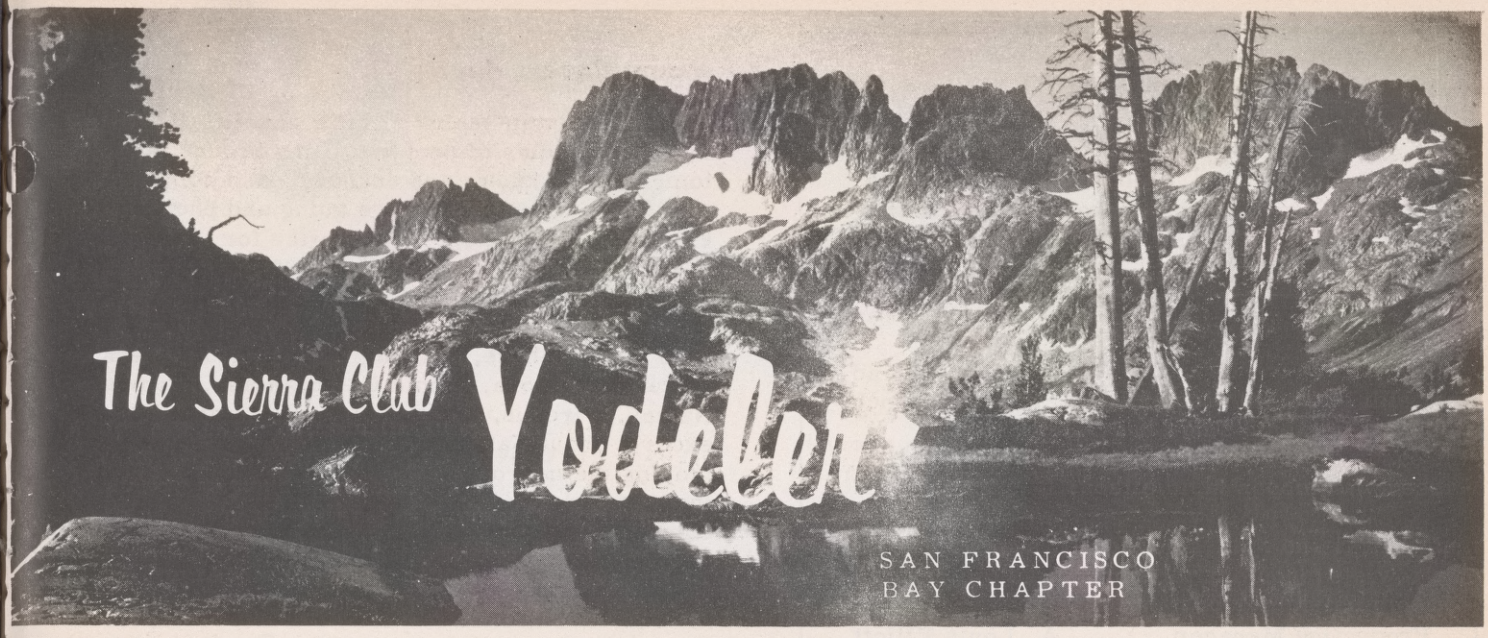

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Conservation News - Over There

Your conservation reporter, fresh from Europe, has some impressions from the other side of the Atlantic which are noteworthy.

In England, national parks are a compromise between the past and the future. Farmers continue to farm and villages go about their daily life within the parks, but no new building or alteration of the landscape is allowed without permit. Green belts are much in fashion, but there is the same steady nibbling at open spaces by civic authorities that troubles us here. There seems to be little organized conservation effort, though many groups look after the welfare of birds, ancient monuments and fish, and there are special plant associations.

In Norway and Denmark, we saw ancient floorboards far wider than any tree now growing there could produce. Perhaps the giant tree is to follow the mammoth into oblivion.

A lumberman from Sweden told us that it does not pay to let the fir trees grow more than eight inches in diameter; after that time growth is too slow to be profitable. His pictures showed hundreds of square miles of neat little trees that could never be called magnificent.

In Switzerland, a notice on the wall at Zermatt asked "our dear guests" to keep to the paths, not to harm the hay or destroy the wildflowers. They have litterbug trouble, too -- the end of a ski lift showed the usual careless discarding of cigarette packets and other scraps and we found a village dump spoiling the scene at the foot of a lovely waterfall.

-- CMC

Ballot Counters Wanted

Saturday, October 25th, is election day for the 1959 Bay Chapter Executive Committee. Volunteers are needed to count ballots at the Sierra Club Office.

If you can help, phone Walter Oppenheimer at OVerland 1-5536 to find out what time he wants to start the job.

CTL NEWS

Winter rates at CTL will remain the same this year: $4.50 a day basic rate. But some other things won't be the same. Family groups may now rent space in Hutchinson Lodge. Deposits must accompany reservations.

Work parties have completed all but one line of the leeching system, built forms for the concrete work in the northwest corner addition, and completed most of the addition to Keith's quarters. The first snow fell September 23 and the contest is now on to guess the date and time the snow will reach 30 inches.

Diane Clayton, leaving those mountains behind for her vacation, is in Hawaii.

Announcements

Squaw Valley: Parking for 5000 cars. Four-lane highway into the valley. Big lift will run all the way (Tower 26) and the Tram will continue up the headwall. The Papoose Peak chair lift is now in operation. The KT-22 chair lift with some new windtight gondolas is expected to be completed in time for use this winter.

One ticket will suffice for all chair lifts--same price: $5.00.

One ice skating rink will be open for use on weekends.

Ski Movies For Groups

"Ski Tips" -- Ski Patrol, Ski Safety. Order month in advance from Aetna Life Insurance Co. representative.

Swissair films from Photo & Sound, 114 Natoma, San Francisco. Ask for film library and they will tell you which films are available for which dates.

National Skiing, Box 7858, Denver 15, Colorado, for list of ski films, where to order and at what cost.

-- Roberta Codis

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Climbing Chronicle

At the last Rock Climbing Committee meeting three applications for Qualified Leader status were approved. The new climbing leaders are Larry Lackey, John Fiske, and Charles Raymond. The section also boasts of six new RCS members: Jim Buckley, Bob Clune, Cynthia Erickson, Ann Jennings, Al Macdonald, and John Ward.

The recent mountain rescue practice session led by Al Steck and John Dorsey was very successful, some 35 people participating. The next one takes place on November 2nd.

Goodbye forever to beans and weenies! We have the "Chef Supreme!" We have John Ward! Since he recently became interested in rock climbing our local dinners have been a gourmet's delight. Lasagne, chow mein, and even a turkey caressed our palate. We all agree that rock climbing certainly brings out the best in us, but we never thought our stomachs would be included.

Save November 15th for the Annual RCS Dinner-Dance -- this year a "Chinese Smorgasbord" -- $2.00 per person. Details to follow in coming Yodelers.

This week's last words in Rock Climbing history: "I don't think this is the route."

-- Helen Weisner

Garfield Folk Dancers

The group now meets every Wednesday evening except the 2nd in the month at John Hinkel Club House, San Diego Avenue and Southampton in Berkeley, for instruction in intermediate and advanced dances.

Beginners get together Thursday nights at Live Oak Recreation Center, Shattuck Avenue and Berryman, also in Berkeley.

Mountainears Hear

If this column seems a trifle chaotic, it is because there are oodles of people milling around the SC offic tonight, both known and unknown, and doing a variety of things. Typewriters are going and phones are ringing. I feel like a night staffer for the Chronicle.

We have a very exciting letter from Barbara Kasmire, who lives up to her exotic name: she is teaching in Uskudar, Turkey, and had quite a fabulous time getting there, visiting Portugal, Tangiers, Majorca, Barcelona, Monte Carlo, Rome, Pompeii, Naples, Pireaus, and Athens on the way. Here is an excerpt about Tangiers: "We had a great time exploring the narrow streets of the "Socco" (Kasbah in the movies), watching craftsmen at their work, speculating and commenting on the strange dress of the people. Many use western dress but more still wear the traditional robes and we saw many women still veiled. We had dinner in an old Morrocan restaurant where we ate some rather strange things - (I have found it best never to ask what I'm eating.)."

And, of Turkey, "The past week has been full - sightseeing - the deep moved feeling of my first visit into a mosque - the excitement of meeting 150 Russian tourists, the awareness of the surroundings dating to B.C. - the fun of being an international shopper (living in Asia and shopping in Europe) - eating in a Turkish restaurant - being stared at in friendly curiosity because I am a foreigner - travelling by taxi, dolmus, ferry, tram, and feet - shopping in the covered market, daily Turkish lessons with Mahmet Bey.

Alice and Jim Barbour were traipsing around Europe themselves in August and September, mainly Denmark, Alice's parents' homeland, and Edinburgh, which is Jim's birthplace.

From the other end of the earth, but equally romantic in its way, is the news that Clair Tappaan Lodge has acquired an electric dishwater. It would be interesting for someone to do a statistical study on amount of man hours, sore backs, etc., this item will save.

Friends of Florence Richmond can write her care of Fresno Community Hospital, in Fresno, of all places. She was badly hurt by a hit-and-run driver, and will be invalided for some time.

Marjorie Dennis, Ike Eikren, Bob Hackamack, and Doug Peterson made the summit of Shasta September 21. They report that the Shasta ski lift facilities are scheduled to open on Thanksgiving.

That's all, kids! -- DB

Natural Science Section

Pictures of the Cliff Dwellers of the Southwest -- the Anasazi of the Four-Corners Region -- will be shown at the October 17 meeting. Dr. William B. Sanborn, Director of Instructional Materials in the San Francisco Public Schools, will show pictures and describe many remote and seldom visited cliff dwellings.

The meeting will start at 8:00 P.M. at the Mills Tower Assembly Room. Those who wish dinner with the group will meet at 6 at the Mills Tower street entrance on Bush Street.

-- Mary Leo Bowerman

Flying Sorceresses To Haunt Redwoods

A harvest moon shining through the Redwoods, a tender juicy steak and good company will all be yours at the Sierra Club-Garfield Folk Dancers' Flying Sorceress Ball at Armstrong State Park, October 25.

Dinner, prepared by Pat Cone and her crew, will be served at 5 p.m. You'll need: steak knife, plate, fork, spoon, cup, and your ticket.

Folk dancing begins at 8 p.m., in the large recreation hall, and there'll be plenty of mixers and easy dances, as well as enough advanced ones to keep the experts out of breath.

The Park is on the Russian River about two hours' drive from the Bay Area. There are good camping facilities, but you'll need fuel, or a stove, for cooking breakfast. On Sunday, hiking, boating, or loafing will be feature attractions... but, before you start, how about lending the clean-up committee a hand? Wonderful, knew you would.

Tickets at $2.50 may be obtained from: Club Office, Walter Ochse, Bob Smith, Gail Lindlow, Viola Larsen, Bernice Bonds, Pat Cone, Slavka Cibilich, Carl Trost, Harry Waterbury, Jean Bonner, and from Garfielders: Eleanor Egan, Monte Rowell, Estelle Berkheimer, and from, yours truly,

Head Sorceress,
Barbara Tilden

P.S. Deadline for ticket sales: Wednesday, Oct. 22, and we kid you not!

Holiday Peak Climb - Mexico

December 21, 1958 - January 3, or 10, 1959. Cost: from $250. Will make as many attempts on major peaks as possible in 2- or 3-week period. More extensive schedule if enough interest to stay longer. Some non-climbers will be in party. Reservations and details:

Joe Wampler, Box 45, Berkeley, California.

River Touring Section

The Feather River above Oroville was crowded on September 27-28 with a group of 19 boaters in 18 boats. Barbara Tilden, with an assist on Saturday from Earl Oliver, on Sunday from Red Cockerline, led the group through such rapids as the Gorge, Earl's Eddy, and Reed's Hole. The waves in the gorge were 5-6 feet high in spots, and several people found out what swimming in the Feather River feels like. Earl's Eddy was the scene of several "traffic" jams and an upset or two as everyone joined in the fun and practice of shooting across the fast-flowing center current and turning into the haystacks that Earl's Eddy is noted for. We also saw some boat bottoms at Reed's Hole. Earl Oliver dove with a face mask into the depths of Reed's Hole to see what was down there. According to his report, it's full of water, which we suspected all along.

On Sunday, a repeat of the Saturday trip was made by most of the group. However, Bryce Whitmore, Don Golden, and Bob Hawley undertook an exploration trip several miles up the river. Starting from the West Branch, the three moved downstream through several very large rapids, portaged and lined through several, and finally pulled out at the head of some of the most turbulent heavy water any of them had ever seen. The rapids were estimated at Grade 4 or 5.

All on the trip agreed that this was a fine weekend under ideal weather conditions.

October 11 and 12 will be one of the last moving water trips this season, on the Mokelumne River, with leader Earl Oliver. This trip is another favorite of many people, so come along and join the fun.

-- Bob Hawley

New Look on Yodeler

New faces of 1958-59 at Sierra Club offices on Yodeler nights include those of reporter Erwin Blodgett and cartoonist Elaine Barron.

Reporting and cartoon drawing are strictly hobbies with both staffers. Erwin is a cab driver in Kentfield. He has been a club member for two years. Elaine joined SC last spring. She commutes from Berkeley to help on the Yodeler.

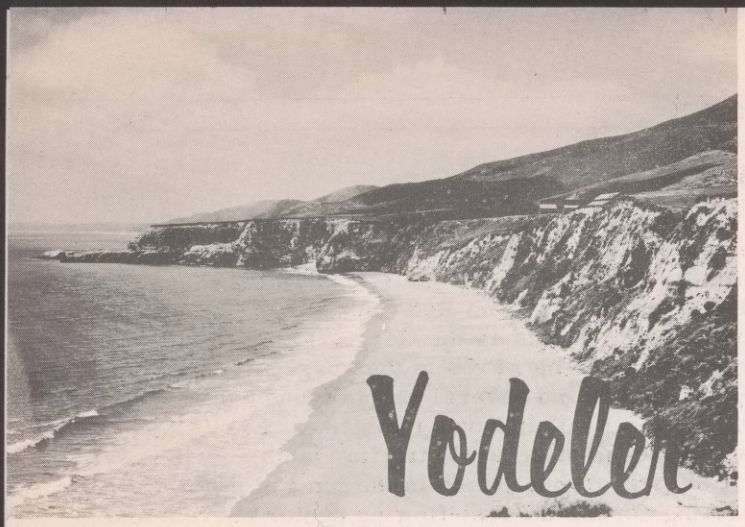
The witch in Elaine's Hallowe'en cartoon this issue was going to appear in a sack dress, but it was feared readers who possess sack dresses might think we were calling them witches. The flying saucer was considered safer.

The new face on the Yodeler itself--fewer columns and pages, and less professional-looking type-- is nothing we're bragging about. There just isn't enough money in the kitty to keep up with last year's standard.

-- AR

FOR SALE: Foldboat, German-made, double size, with paddles, carrying bags, cart. Like new. $90.

1-1/2 h.p. outboard motor with mounting board to fit above boat. $55. D. Ligda, 401 Taurus Avenue, Oakland. OLympic 3-8555.



Point Reyes Natural Science field trip, October 12th.

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Bay Area Ski Federation

SNOW QUEEN BALL: This year's Snow Queen Ball is being sponsored by the Skoalers Ski Club; it will be held in the Peacock Lounge of the Mark Hopkins Hotel in San Francisco on November 14th at 8 o'clock. Ray Hackett is the man with the band. The Snow Queen Candidate from the Sierra Club will be Miss Harriet Tyson, who joined early this year. Harriet has been quite active on work-party at the Lodge during the summer. Tickets are $2.50 apiece and may be obtained from Don Huber, 802 College Ave., Kentfield.

WINTER CARNIVAL: Races will be sponsored by Brandon Enterprises and will be held at Squaw Valley on February 8, 1959. Skits will be held at Veteran's Auditorium in Truckee on the evening of February 7, 1959. The skits will be limited in length to 10 minutes and in cost to $25. They will be judged on originality, presentation, and propriety.

-- Roberta Codis

SALE

Here is a Fall Bargain: 2 brand new display boats, Hammer Champion 58 Singles, silver Hammerit hull, orange deck, with paddles, carrying bags and white water spray cover.

$148.00 each plus tax. Rolf Godon, 24 California Street, Room 519, San Francisco. Phone: Garfield 1-2274.

Howell Hiking

A full bus load of Bay Area folk met about a dozen Sonoma County people from the new Redwood Chapter at St. Helena on the morning of the 21st for a joint hike to Mt. Howell with Eleanor Shaw.

Napa County was as beautiful as ever, as we followed our leader along trails and past tiny lakes to Inspiration Point on Mt. Howell, then to the lunch spot and return to the bus at the sanitarium, though exception could be taken that the day was too warm for good hiking. Still, by contrast the refreshment stop on the return trip seemed a really brilliant idea.

-- Ethel Unselt

Mountaineering Notes

Material for the Mountaineering Notes for the 1959 Annual Bulletin should be submitted by November 30 to John Shonle, Apt. 5, 2335 Parker St., Berkeley 4. Late material (climbs done after that date) may be submitted until January 1, 1959. Please type double-spaced, and consult the old notes for scope and form.

-- John Shonle

River Touring Section

The nominating committee has announced the following people are willing to run for Chairman of the group this year: Bob Hawley, who is secretary-treasurer of the group; Glenn Gaumer, who has been in charge of scheduling the river trips; Carl Trost, who plays the ukelele at most of the campfires; and Elaine Barron, who has done a great deal of typing for the group.

This election is taking place at the next regular section meeting October 14th. There will also be some slides of the Salmon trip shown.

BOAT SALE

FALL CLEARANCE: Several good used foldboats are available at this time, both doubles and singles. LOU ELLIOTT, Boats, 1016 Jackson Street, Oakland, Phone HIgate 4-2055.

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